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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION USIS NEW DELHI, JULY 9

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1. NEW DELHI CPI HINDI DAILY JANYUG CARRIED A NOTICE IN ITS JULY 9 ISSUE THAT THERE WOULD BE A DEMONSTRATION AT 1630 THAT DAY IN FRONT OF USIS OFFICE TO PROTEST ANTI-INDIA PROPAGANDA AND US CIA ACTIVITIES IN INDIA. A/DCM CALLED MEA JOINT SECRETARY TEJA AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO INFORM THEM OF THIS (NEITHER HAD BEEN AWARE OF IT PRIOR TO THE CALL) AND TO STATE THE EMBASSY'S ASSUMPTION THAT THIS TIME ADEQUATE PROTECTION WOULD BE PROVIDED. A/DCM ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER A GOVERNMENT PERMIT HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR FOR THE DEMONSTRATION. MEA OFFICERS SAID THAT THEY WOULD ASSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION BUT WERE UNAWARE OF STATUS OF GOVERNMENT PERMIT. EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER DURING THE DAY SPOKE WITH NEW DELHI DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ABOUT SECURITY AND WAS ALSO ASSURED THAT ADEQUATE PROTECTION WOULD BE PROVIDED INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUARANTEED CONTINUING ACCESS TO AND FROM THE USIS BUILDING. WE

LEARNED DURING THE AFTERNOON THAT A PERMIT FOR THE MEETING HAD IN FACT BEEN ISSUED BY THE DELHI COMMISSIONER.

2. USIS LIBRARY CONTINUED "BUSINESS AS USUAL" AS A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 100 DEMONSTRATORS APPEARED FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES BETWEEN 1640 AND 1700. POLICE WERE PRESENT IN ADEQUATE NUMBERS AND INFORMED USIS OFFICERS THAT MEA HAD REQUESTED DEMONSTRATORS BE KEPT AT LEAST 50 YARDS FROM THE BUILDING.

3. DEMONSTRATORS, LED BY CONGRESS LEFT WING MP SHASHI BHUSHAN AND ALL INDIA STUDENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT DAULJIT SINGH ADEL, PRESENTED A PETITION TO PAO. PETITION CHARGED OUR RADIO FREE EUROPE AND VOA WITH BROADCASTING VICIOUS PROPAGANDA, US IMPERIALIST PRESS WITH DISTRIBUTING DISTORTED AND MALICIOUS ATTACKS AGAINST INDIA AND ITS NATIONAL LEADERS, WARNED THE USG TO STOP CIA MEDDLING IN INDIAN AFFAIRS AND TO WITHDRAW ITS SECRET AGENTS, DEMANDED US STOP HELPING "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE AND PARA-MILITARY FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS" AND FINALLY DEMANDED US AGENCIES OF MASS COMMUNICATION STOP DECEIVING THE US PEOPLE ABOUT INDIA.

4. PAO TOLD DEMONSTRATORS THAT THE US LIBRARY WAS A FREE LIBRARY, OPEN TO ALL, THAT THE US EMBASSY AND USIS HAD NOT BEEN CRITICAL OF THE PM AND WISHED HER NO ILL, AND OFFERED TO ACCEPT THE PETITION IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCHANGE OF FREE IDEAS.

5. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS FILMED BY FOREIGN (INCLUDING US) TV CAMERA CREWS AND WAS HEAVILY COVERED BY THE FOREIGN PRESS.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY PROTEST TO MEA JULY 8 ON PROTECTION APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SALUTARY EFFECT, ALTHOUGH WE INCREASINGLY SUSPECT JULY 8 DEMONSTRATION MAY HAVE INDEED BEEN AD HOC AFFAIR, DRUMMED UP ON EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE AND WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH WE ARE LESS SANGUINE THAT ALL SENIOR CONGRESS OFFICIALS WERE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE PLANS. GOI IS CLEARLY NOT PREPARED TO "TURN OFF" ALL DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST US, DESPITE THE EMERGENCY, BUT TODAY'S EXERCISE IS BOTH Milder AND MORE IN THE LINE OF THE DOZENS OF SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS BY SMALL GROUPS OF CONGRESS AND LEFTIST GROUPS WHICH HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE EMBASSY'S GATES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

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THE EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO LODGE A PROTEST AGAINST TODAY'S AFFAIR.

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